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## **PENNSYLVANIA DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.2 PERCENT**

**HARRISBURG** --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during December 1999 totaled 916 million pounds, up 3.2 percent from last December's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 619,000 head, up 1,000 from November and unchanged from December 1998.

Production per cow averaged 1,480 pounds in December, 60 pounds more than November and 45 pounds more than in December 1998.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during December 1999 totaled 11.9 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from production in these same states in December 1998. November revised production, at 11.3 billion pounds, was up 4.5 percent from November 1998.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.76 million head, 52,000 head more than December 1998 and 2,000 head more than November 1999.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,536 pounds for December, 47 pounds above December 1998.

During the October-December period, the 20 major states produced 86.1 percent of the nation's production. If producers in the remaining 30 states not surveyed monthly followed the trend shown by the 20 reporting states, U.S. milk production would be 13.8 billion pounds for December.